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Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi Peace Call — Voice of the Masses radio broadcast a message to the Iranian people from Iraqi President Saddam Husayn, who urged them to "listen to reason and opt for the path of peace," stressing that further attacks on Iraq will send "additional tens of thousands to the crematorium of death" and will bring "further disgrace and certain defeat" to Iran. Saddam Husayn outlined five bases for an end to the war: 1) complete and unconditional withdrawal to internationally-recognized borders; 2) a comprehensive and complete exchange of POW's; 3) the signing of a peace and nonaggression agreement; 4) noninterference in each other's mutual affairs and respect for each country's choices; 5) a "positive" contribution by both countries to regional stability and security, especially in the Gulf.

Military Situation — Over 150 Iranian civilians were killed in Iraqi air attacks on Qom and 5 other cities 21 January, according to IRNA, which said the "martyrs" toll in Qom was 100, with scores wounded. Other cities targeted were Ilam, Navahand, Pol-e Dokhtar, Bakhtaran, and Dezful. The agency also reported Iranian air strikes on the Iraqi cities of Irbil and Tuz Khurmatu. As for the battlefronts, Voice of the Masses broadcast a communique which maintained that Iraq's VII and II Army Corps wiped out attacking Iranian forces, killing hundreds. Tehran radio broadcast claims that six Iraqi planes were shot down over the battlefronts, but this was denied by an Iraqi spokesman, who told INA that all Iraqi planes returned to their bases.

Iranian Statement on ICO

Iran will not participate in the ICO summit, according to an Iranian Foreign Ministry statement reported by IRNA. The statement cited the Kuwaiti Government's open support for Iraq in the war, the regional situation, the escalating trend of the war in southern Iraq, and the inability of Kuwait to guarantee the security of the summit as reasons for Iran's rejection of the summit. The statement also declared that resolutions passed at the summit "will not be legally binding."

Kuwait

A group calling itself "The Prophet Muhammad's Forces in Kuwait — Revolutionary Organization" claimed responsibility for the three oil well fires that broke out 20 January in southern Kuwait, AFP reported, citing the Lebanese daily *Al-Nahar*. In a communique published by the paper, the group warned "personalities that do not want to consider the rights of the oppressed in Kuwait and tomorrow in Palestine" that "injustice would inevitably fall back on the head of its promoters."

Israel

'Al Hamishmar reported 22 January that it has received confirmation of its earlier report that an Israeli envoy recently visited Jordan and concluded a "technical agreement" on cooperation between the two countries. The paper said that Al Schwimmer was the envoy sent by Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres to Jordan, where he reportedly met with King Husayn and other Jordanian leaders. Citing "people close to the royal court in Amman," *Ma'ariv said that Jordanian-Israeli meetings took place at* various levels in 1986, though Jordan has recently curtailed them owing to opposition from Egypt.

Lebanon

FRG nationals were evacuated from West Beirut following the probable abduction of a second West German in the Muslim sector of the city, DPA reported. On the whereabouts of Terry Waite, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon cited a REUTER report that the Anglican Church envoy had been taken for a meeting with hostages. Intermittent fighting continued between Amal and the Palestinians, Voice of Lebanon radio reported, noting that 11 people were killed and 79 wounded 20-22 January.

Soviet-Saudi Talks

Soviet Premier Nikolay Ryzhkov told visiting Saudi Petroleum Minister Hisham Nazir that the USSR approves of OPEC's "constructive efforts" and takes them into consideration, TASS reported. Ryzhkov noted the Soviet Union's desire for "normal relations" with Saudi Arabia and for the development of "mutually advantageous ties" in trade, science, and culture. An SPA report on the talks said that Nazir's visit to the USSR is part of an OPEC-sponsored tour to explain OPEC's strategy for achieving oil market stability.

Libya-Chad

A Chadian military communique broadcast 21 January by Ndjamena radio reported that Chadian Government forces were in "full control" of Zouar and the surrounding area after a "large-scale mopping-up offensive" launched earlier in the day. In a separate development, the Chadian Embassy in Paris stated in a 21 January communique that the Chadian Government is ready to begin negotiations with Libya "immediately," AFP reported. The communique, which also condemned Libya's "diplomatic gesticulations" over Chad, was issued a day after the Congolese foreign minister in Paris stated that Libya is prepared to contribute to a permanent settlement of the conflict.

Polisario Attack on Portuguese Vessel

The Polisario Front claimed responsibility for machinegunning the Portuguese fishing boat *Eugenio* off the disputed Western Saharan coast 20 January, Madrid radio reported. The incident resulted in the deaths of three Moroccan soldiers, who were aboard the vessel to guard against Polisario attacks, the report noted.

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Cease-Fire Violators Warned of Resolute Blows

LD201809 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Announcement by the Supreme Extraordinary National Reconciliation Commission — announcer-read]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Dear compatriots: The DRA, in order to stop bloodshed and fratricide and to maintain peace and security in our persecuted country, is realizing the policy of national reconciliation. On 15 January we announced a unilatral cease-fire by the DRA Armed Forces.

Simultaneously the DRA invited the opposition to support the policy of national reconciliation, cease-fire, and come to a compromise. Six days have passed since the declaration of the cease-fire. The state forces are firmly and absolutely observing the orders concerning the cessation of combat operations.

However, the Supreme Extraordinary National Reconciliation Commission has substantial information that some opposition groups in a number of localities of the country, particularly in Khowst District and Parvan Province, are continuing the fratricidal war and are engaged in terrorist actions. They fire mortars, recoilless weapons, and missiles at residential areas, state establishments, peaceful inhabitants, security posts, and the headquarters of units and companies.

According to substantial information, the opposition has broken all cease-fire conditions in Khowst District and Parvan Province. They have continued [word indistinct] operations. As a result of their inhuman actions 60 peaceful compatriots of the localities have been either wounded or martyred, and material losses have been inflicted on state establishments and residents.

In consideration of the interests of the people of Afghanistan, the Supreme Extraordinary National Reconciliation Commission asks all opposition groups to cease fire completely and not engage in combat operations.

The Supreme Extraordinary Commission, bringing the above announcement to the attention of our dear compatriots, declares that in the event of the continuation of combat operations by opposition groups and the non-cessation of fire, it will have to ask the DRA Armed Forces to deal resolute blows at the opposition groups.

If the Supreme Extraordinary National Reconciliation Commission has to consult with the DRA authorities, the results will be officially brought to your attention.

Dear compatriots, do not allow the enemies of our homeland to fire (?from) your residences. Do not listen to the enemy's allegations, (?unleashed) against the state's sincere efforts toward maintaining your peaceful life. Take the matters of reconciliation in your own hands.

Armed Groups Visit Kabul City; Call for Peace

LD212146 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Excerpts] The realization of the principled and humanitarian essence of the policy of national reconciliation announced by our party and revolutionary state has brought about all-round closeness and understanding for reaching a national compromise and for maintaining a lasting peace in our ancient land. Some 540 individuals belonging to armed groups of the opposition who were active in the villages of the Paghman, Chahar Asiab, Shakar Darreh, Mir Bacheh Kowt, and Qarah Bagh Districts, Kabul Province, arrived today in Kabul city in total freedom and visited various parts of the city.

Aware of the decisions of the December extraordinary plenum of the PDPA Central Committee, the announcement of the DRA Revolutionary Council concerning national reconciliation, and the address of PDPA Central Committee General Secretary Comrade Najib, based on the message of the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council, the Council of Ministers, the National Front, the Council of Ulema and Religious Leaders, and the Society of Mothers of Martyres on the Path of Revolution, to all citizens of free and independent Afghanistan, for the cessation of bloodshed and fratricide, for maintaining national reconciliation in the country, and the decisions of the extraordinary commission of national reconciliation, these compatriots contacted the state and party authorities of Kabul Province and requested to be allowed to come, without weapons, to Kabul city, which has been declared the city of peace.

A BIA correspondent reported that the aforementioned individuals arrived in Kabul City at 0900, accompanied by the elders and representatives of their localities, and left their weapons with the state authorities.

Our compatriots were welcomed near the city gates at Kheyr Khaneh Mena, Diwanbegi, and Dughabad, by Nezamoddin Tahzib, president of the Supreme Court; Fazl Ahmad Toghyan; provincial party committee secretary of Kabul Province; Nasim Joya, first deputy head of the party committee and secretary of Kabul city; members of the national reconciliation commissions of Kabul city and of the 11th, 5th, and 7th city wards of Kabul city, and a large number of locals.

Along with the popular traditions in order to welcome our compatriots who have been away from Kabul city during the past few years, a number of sheep were slaughtered on the occasion and groups of pioneers welcomed the arrival of our compatriots to the peaceful bosom of the people.

At a gathering which was held on the occasion at the gasoline station vicinity of Kheyr Khaneh Mena, Nezamoddin Tahzib spoke about national reconciliation and the necessity of creating a peaceful atmosphere in the country, and considered the arrival of the aforementioned individuals to the city a step toward maintaining peace and reconciliation.

According to a BIA correspondent, a similar gathering was held in the Dughabad area, during which Fazl Ahmad Toghyan spoke about the peaceful measures of the state and party and the policy

of national reconciliation. He explained its importance for the cessation of fratricide and bloodshed, which is the demand of all Afghan people

A commander of an armed group expressed thanks that the party and state authorities have allowed them to come to Kabul city in peace and wished for lasting peace. The first deputy head of Kabul city party committee also spoke about the facilities which the party and state have provided for these compatriots and promised further assistance toward their secure return.

A commander of one of these groups said: My name is Kochay. I was a group leader from the Etehad group. I had 30 armed people with me. After hearing the kindness of Comrade Najib concerning national reconciliation, we came to the bosom of our state. When we heard this announcement, not only us, but all comrades of Afghanistan which they are holding there by force [as heard], found this very good and we have complete faith that how long can they keep them there? [as heard]. Some 5 days after hearing the announcement, we started, along with our men, to the bosom of the state. Our feeling of happiness came from the fact that we realized that this is a very kind state, and we promise Comrade Najib that as long as we breath we will defend the revolution, and to those of our comrades who are on the other side, we officially announce to them that we will ask them to come, we want to talk to them. With them too we will make jirgahs, make new battalions, and make peace jirgahs for our homeland, so that peace will be established here. Yes, yes, this is our aim: to build our country.

One of individuals of these groups told our reporter: My name is Mohammad Sharif, son of Gholam Dastagir from the Mir Bacheh Kont village. We joined our revolutionary state in order to eliminate bloodshed and fratricide from the soil of Afghanistan. We came so that national peace will be established. The people of Afghanistan want to return to their homes and their homeland. We want them also to join the revolutionary state and defend their people, their village and their state. Fratricide is bad. It is enough. We gave a lot of blood. We should defend our state, our homeland. [passage omitted]

The peaceful arrival of armed groups of the opposition in Kabul city and their visit to various parts of the city is indicative of the humanitarian policy of the party and state toward the creation of a peaceful life in the country, and the manifestation of the practical measures of the state toward the realization of national reconciliation and fratricide in our ancient homeland.

Najibullah Meets Groups

LD211848 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] This afternoon PDPA Central Committee General Secretary Comrade Najib met at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Storey Palace a number of groups who have joined the process of national reconciliation and who today welcomed the party and state policy concerning the cease-fire and maintaining national reconciliation and who have come to Kabul in order to contact and talk with party and state authorities.

At the opening of the meeting, Qari Barakatollah (Samim) recited verses from the holy Koran, after which PDPA Central Committee General Secretary Najib spoke. He said: It is a matter of happiness that I find myself among a number of our compatriots and discuss with them the question of maintaining peace and security in the country [word indistinct] of national reconciliation. These talks and exchanges of views are the words of sincerity, fraternity, friendship, and are of an Afghan, patriotic, and Islamic nature. Great importance is attached to these exchanges. We hope that these talks and discussions will replace bullets, and no longer in our homeland will a brother be killed by another brother or an Afghan by another Afghan.

Comrade Najib said: The national democratic Sowar revolution is a victory for the people of Afghanistan. We represent our people and not only sincerely respect their faith, religion, traditions, and customs, but we are also the followers of all these traditions and customs. We have announced the policy of national reconciliation in Afghanistan for ending the war and bloodshed in Afghanistan in order that the people may continue their dignified and honorable life in a peaceful atmosphere. [Words indistinct] fratricide and bloodshed to cease in our beloved country so our mothers no longer mourn the death of their children and our children do not shed tears at the death of their parents.

We no longer want poverty, hunger, or disease in the country of our fathers and forefathers. We want Afghanistan to begin to shine in this part of the world as a prosperous, developed, and progressive country.

At the end of his conversation, Comrade Najib asked the audience to submit their demands, opinions, criticism, and proposals in a free and democratic atmosphere.

On behalf of the groups who have joined the process of national reconciliation, Jalat Khan, commander of a 25-strong group from the Qarah Bagh District, Kabul Province; Malek Ways, commander of a 125-strong group from Asman Qal'eh, Chahar Asiab District, (Kabul Province); Mirza Mohammad Jan, commander of a 500-strong group from Shakar Darreh District; Hasanollah, commander of a 118-strong group from Aqsarai village, Kalakan region, Mir Bacheh Kowt District, Parvan Province; and Haji Malek Momin, an elder from the Shakar Darreh District, spoke and expressed every sort of support for the policy for national reconciliation. They promised to spare no effort toward the realization of the humane aims of national reconciliation.

The meeting was attended by Comrade Zohur Razmjo, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and secretary of the Kabul city party committee; Fazl Ahmad Toghian, Kabul provincial party committee secretary; heads and a number of members of the extraordinary commissions of national reconciliation of Kabul Province and Kabul city, and a number of foreign journalists.

600-Strong Group Responds to Cease-Fire

LD202149 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] Welcoming the policy of national reconciliation and the announcement of cease-fire, a 600-strong group led by (Sayfoddin) in Jowzjan Province welcomed the call to a new and peaceful life by responding to the appeal of our revolutionary party and state.

According to a BAKHTAR report, a meeting took place in Jowzjan Province attended by thousands of local residents, including elders, ulema, and religious leaders, workers, peasants, artisans, and party and state officials. A number of officials, elders, and chiefs of the localities spoke about the humanitarian policy of the DRA state and Government in connection with the policy of national reconciliation and the cessation of bloodshed and fratricide in the country. They explained the decisions and resolutions of the enlarged plenum of the PDPA Central Committee and welcomed the return of these compatriots to the warm bosom of their families.

Our 600 compatriots include 200 armed individuals who were engaged in armed activity before the announcement of the ceasefire. They recently joined the process of national reconciliation, along with 400 other compatriots, to resume their peaceful life in their home regions. The report adds that these compatriots will take an active part in maintaining security and defending peace and security in the villages and districts.

AFP on 'Agents' Promoting Reconcilation

BK201518 Hong Kong AFP in English 1454 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] Islamabad, Jan 20 (AFP) — The Afghan Government has started a drive to recruit young Afghans to infiltrate Pakistan-based guerrilla groups and refugees, Western diplomats said here on Tuesday. They said press gangs were picking up youths, who were sent to the Kabul Police Academy to train as agents, but they were unable to say how many had been recruited. They believed the objective was to promote the Afghan regime's reconciliation plan inside the refugee and guerrillas camps. Moslem rebel and refugee organisations on Saturday totally rejected the Kabul government's unilateral ceasefire and offer of power-sharing.

The diplomats quoted an informed source as saying a party meeting convened by Mr Najibullah last week was "stormy", with several delegates voicing opposition to the regime's policy. They included opponents of the ruling Communist party as well as party members who had doubts about the plan's success and feared reprisals after the Soviet pull-out, the diplomats said. Mr Najibullah, who emphasised that the national reconciliation would not threaten the existence of the party, was said to be "furious" at the way the meeting went.

The diplomats also said "an opposition group" of 50 people presented a list of demands to the congress, which included the withdrawal of Soviet troops, release of all prisoners, and an end of press gangs drafting youths into the Army.

Diplomats said there had been ceasefire violations, but there was no evidence that the heavy Army deployment in Kabul last Friday was to thwart an alleged police and army coup against the January 15 ceasefire.

Artillery fire was heard in two areas near Soviet-inhabited districts and 13 people were reported killed when guerrillas attacked the Bagarami base in Kabul on January 16.

Clashes have also been reported in the Jabul Siraj mountains in the northern Panjsher Valley, and in Mazare Sharif and in the south eastern Qandahar and western Herat Provinces.

Surveillance aircraft have flown over Kabul every night, the diplomats said, adding that Soviet vehicles were seen in front of Kabul hospitals unloading wounded soldiers even after the ceasefire went into effect.

A guerrilla spokesman said Afghan rebels launched a rocket attack on Shorgar Garrison and the Budana Qila base in northern Mazare Sharif in defiance of the truce and killed or wounded 80 Soviet-Afghan soldiers after destroying six tanks and three armoured vehicles. Government troops bombed rebels base killing ten mujahidin in retaliation, he said.

The guerrillas also killed 15 Soviet and Afghan soldiers in ground-to-ground rocket attacks on government posts in western Herat. Two mujahidin died and another was wounded in the attack, which he said was mounted to refute the Kabul regime's claim that hundreds of guerrillas laid down their arms in Herat.

The spokesman added that guerrillas exchanged a Soviet prisoner with 11 mujahidin jailed in Mazare Sharif on January 7, but he did not identify the soldier.

Western diplomats quoting an Afghan regime official as saying that out of 433 villages the government controlled only 200 in the area.

Envoy to PRC Named New Foreign Secretary

BK220325 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GHT 22 Jan 87

[Text] Mr K.P.S. Menon has been appointed foreign secretary in succession to Mr A.P. Venkateswaran. Mr Menon is at present India's ambassador to China.

Punjab Minister Wants More Security Forces

BK211603 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] The Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, has urged the people to extend full support to the state government in tackling terrorism. Speaking to newsmen in Chandigarh today, he said the state government has already taken a number of steps to deal with the law and order problem. In reply to a question, he said the center has provided the state government paramilitary forces and material support to deal with the situation. But, he said, additional forces are required.

He reiterated that the religious places should not be used in a way which may attract police intervention. Referring to the Punjab Accord, he said that the government is committed to implement [it] in letter and spirit. However, Mr Barnala said, all out effort should be made to remove the remaining irritants from the minds of the people.

More Forces Sent To Fight Sikh Militants

BK201733 Hong Kong AFP in English 1719 GMT 20 Jan 87

[By P.P. Ramachandran — all spellings as received]

[Text] New Delhi, Jan 20 (AFP) — The Indian Government sent more security forces to Punjab Tuesday to combat Sikh militants amid threats of fresh action to flush out militants said to have taken refuge in the Golden Temple complex, the *Press Trust of India* reported.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people mourning a Hindu politician shot dead by Sikh militants prevented the Punjab governor and several ministers from paying their last respects before his body was cremated Tuesday, the news agency said.

Federal Home Minister Buta Singh was quoted as saying that the government had decided to send reinforcements to Punjab to help the state administration control militant Sikhs, who are battling for an independent homeland in Punjab.

Mr Singh arrived in the industrial town of Ludhiana from New Delhi to attend the cremation of Yogender Pal Pandey, general-secretary of the Punjab chapter of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's congress party, who was gunned down by militants Monday.

Mr Singh, who is a Sikh from Punjab, told reporters he was confident that "ultimately we will win" in the anti-militant fight. He did not spell out the exact strength of additional security forces being dispatched.

Mourners of Mr Pandey, who was twice a minister in the Punjab government, demonstrated their anger over continued violence by Sikh militants by throwing stones and damaged three cars outside the cremation ground. The 20,000-strong crowd chanted slogans against the moderate Sikh Akali Dal government in Punjab and the federal government, PTI said. They prevented Punjab governor Siddharth Shankar Ray and Punjab's Finance Minister Balwant Singh and Cooperation Minister Prem Singh from approaching Mr Pandey's body just before it was consigned to flames in the traditional Hindu way. A dozen people were injured in a stampede, but no serious violence was reported.

Parts of Ludhiana on Tuesday remained under an indefinite curfew clamped soon after the slaying of Mr Pandey, which triggered Hindu-Sikh tension, PTI said. Meanwhile, except for a bank robbery no serious violence by Sikh militants was reported Tuesday.

In Jullundur town five gunmen robbed the state-owned Bank of India of more than 400,000 rupees (32,000 dolalrs). They escaped in a car, PTI quoted officials as saying.

In Amritsar District Police Chief Mohammad Izhar Alam said in the Sikh holy city that militants had again made Golden Temple their hideout. Asked by reporters if he would enter Sikhdom's holiest temple complex again to flush out militants, Mr Alam said: "I will do so at the appropriate time. If I fail in my duty I will quit." Mr Alam said police had information that two Sikhs — Baldev Singh and Satnam Singh — were taken inside the temple complex and killed by militants. There have been reports earlier of Sikh militants attacking those Sikhs whom they suspect to be police informers. Mr Alam said a human skeleton was recovered from a drain inside the temple complex some two weeks ago.

About 60 people, including six wanted extremists, were reportedly arrested after being flushed out of the temple complex on Saturday. There was no resistance.

Curfew Lifted; Akali Leader Shot

BK220856 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] In Punjab, a prominent local Akali lealder, Mr Surinder Singh Makkad was shot at and seriously injured by four gunmen in Jullundur this morning. Mr Makkad was attacked the moment he opened the door of his house in response to the knocking by the assailants. He has been admitted to the hospital. His condition is stated to be critical.

Meanwhile, the day curfew in parts of Ludhiana City was lifted from today. The deputy commissioner, Mr K.P. Lakhanpal, announced that there will be no curfew between 1000 and 1800 until further orders. Curfew had been imposed on Monday following the assassination of the former minister, Mr Yogender Pal Pandey, by terrorists. The 4-hour curfew relaxation yesterday passed off peacefully.

'Terrorist' Incidents in Punjab Reported

BK191610 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 19 Jan 87

[Excerpt] [Passage omitted] In Kapurthala District, a doctor was shot dead by two unidentified youths while travelling in a bus this morning. The assailants, who were also travelling by the same bus, killed the doctor while getting down near village Khukre.

In Gurdaspur District, two teachers were shot dead by some suspected terrorists on a canal bridge near Sri Hargovindpur this afternoon. In another incident in the district, a shopkeeper was shot dead by two suspected terrorists in Dera Nanak.

In Faridkot District, two teenaged girls were strangled to death and another kidnapped in village Ghal near Moga by some unidenfied miscreants.

In Ferozepore District, two suspected terrorists looted cash from the state electricity board office in Abohar. One of the miscreants was later killed in an exchange of fire with the chasing CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] party. [passage omitted]

'Terrorists' Arrested in Amritsar

BK210312 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] In Gurdaspur District of Punjab, terrorists shot dead two shopkeepers and looted over 4 lakh rupees from a nationalized bank yesterday in three separate incidents. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh that 17 more suspected terrorists have been arrested by the Amritsar police during raids. Some arms and ammunition have also been recovered. The spokesman said the police and paramilitary forces have intensified their operation and mounted further pressure against terorists.

District in Assam Said 'Affected by' Strike

BK181311 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 18 Jan 87

[Text] Normal life in the Karbi Anglong District of Assam has been affected by a 100 hour bundh [strike] which began on Friday. The bundh has been called by the district students association and the autonomous state demand committee to press their demand for autonomous statehood for the area. Burning of a road bridge, attempted case of arson, and blockade of roads in some places marked the bundh. Speaking to newsmen in Guwahati today, the chief minister, Mr Profullo Kumar Mahanta, said the overall situation in the district is under control. He said that no further division of the state will be allowed.

Police Fire To Disperse Mob

BK200334 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] In Assam, two people were seriously injured when police opened fire to disperse a violent mob at (Bokala). The mob reportedly tried to attack a residential colony in the area in the wake of a 100-hour Karbi Anglong District bundh [strike] in the state. The situation in (Bokala) is reported to be tense but under control. The bundh was jointly called by Karbi Anglong students association and the autonomous state demand committee, demanding the creation of an autonomous state comprising the two hill districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar.

Curfew Imposed; Strike Ends

BK200856 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] In Assam, night curfew has been clamped in the (Bokala) area of the Karbi Anglong District as a precautionary measure. This followed a police firing to disperse a mob of agitators yesterday evening in which one person was injured. Two magistrates and some police personnel also sustained injuries when the mob indulged in brickbatting. The situation in the area is reported to be tense but under control. The 100-hour bundh [strike] in Karbi Anglong District which began on Friday [16 January] ended this morning. The autonomous state demand committee and the district students association have jointly sponsored the bundh call. They were demanding the creation of an autonomous state comprising the two hill districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar.

Kalimpong Remains Tense; Shops Closed

BK191628 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 19 Jan 87

[Text] Normal life in Kalimpong town in Darjeeling District remained affected for the third day today. All shops and business establishments were closed and vehicular traffic was off the road. Police sources told our Kurseong correspondent that the situation there is tense but under control. Additional police force has been rushed to the area as a precautionary measure.

The situation in other parts of Darjeeling, however, remained normal and there is no report of any untoward incident.

7 Tripura Extremists Arrested, Arms Seized

BK220328 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] In Tripura, police and paramilitary forces have arrested seven listed TNV [Tripura National Volunteer] extremists. They have also recovered countrymade guns and incriminating documents from them. Quoting police source, the AIR [All India Radio] Agartala correspondent reports that three collaborators of TNV extremists were arrested from West Tripura District on Wednesday night. In another operation, CRPF personnel smashed 30 hideouts of TNV in north Tripura District. They also apprehended 12 collaborators of TNV.

Explosion at Madras Railway Track Reported
BK200322 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] In Tamil Nadu, there was an explosion at a railway track between Nungambakkam and (Chetpet) railway stations in Madras last night. However, no damage was reported. Train services were not affected.

USSR's Kovalev Leaves Islamabad for Karachi

BK211531 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoliy Kovalev has expressed the hope that relations between Pakistan and the Soviet Union will further improve and mutual trust will grow. Talking to newsmen at Islamabad airport prior to his departure for Karachi on his way back home, he said that talks in Islamabad were held in a positive and constructive manner. He expressed confidence that the ties between the two countries will further expand.

The Soviet first deputy foreign minister said that the Pakistani foreign minister will visit the Soviet Union soon. He said that it is his impression that contacts have been established between the two neighboring countries on matters of mutual interest. He said that he held detailed talks during his visit. During his stay in Pakistan, he met with President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, and Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Government 'Supports' Afghan Reconciliation

BK211606 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] The National Assembly was informed this evening that the Pakistani Government supports the idea of national reconciliation in Afghanistan and it understands that it evidently may prove helpful in creating an atmosphere of peace in Afghanistan, thereby enabling Afghan refugees to return to their homes. Speaking on an adjournment motion, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani said that Pakistan has made it clear that it is ready to cooperate in such realistic proposals which are in accordance with the desires and aspirations of the Afghan people, who will primarily be responsible for the implementation of national reconciliation. The notion was sought to be moved by Syed Fakhr Imam, Seydah Abida Hussain, Sheinkh Rashid Ahmad, Mufti Mohammad Shafiq Chaudhury, and Liaquat Baloch.

Spokesman on Next Round of Afghanistan Talks

BK221120 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1100 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] A Foreign Office spokesman in Islamabad says Pakistan expects the next Geneva round of indirect talks on Afghanistan to be convened within the next month. But the date of commencement might be adjusted to accomodate convenience of all the parties. He said the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, will undertake a visit to Moscow prior to the Geneva round. The period between now and the commencement of the next Geneva round can be utilized productively in moving toward the acceptable and regional time frame [for the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan], which will result in the finalization of the settlement package at Geneva.

About Iran-Iraq war, the spokesman said Pakistan deeply regrets its continuation and wishes to join in the efforts of OIC [Organization of Islamic Conference] summit to promote an end to this war. Pakistan's view on this conflict has always been balanced in the past and will continue to be so.

He described India's concern on the exercise by Pakistan Armed Forces as unwarranted.

Steps Taken To Streamline Karachi Administration

BK211336 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1300 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] The federal cabinet meeting in Rawalpindi today discussed the law and order situation in the country. It noted that condition is improving in Karachi and Hyderabad as a result of concerted efforts of the government, public representatives, and the peace committees. The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, presided. The cabinet was informed that steps are under way to streamline the Karachi administration to make it more effective and responsive to the public needs. The government has reiterated its position to take all necessary steps against antistate and antinational elements who are creating an environment of unrest and political agitation. [passage omitted]

Khamene'i, Musavi Attend Parade of Troops

LD201729 Tehran IRNA in English 1650 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 20, IRNA — A division of the Islamic Revolution's Committeemen marched in the streets of the capital Tuesday morning in a show of their prowess powers before departing for the war fronts of the Iraqi-imposed war. The marchers shouted revolutionary slogans and declared that they were firmly determined to deal a final blow on the tottering Ba'thist regime in Baghdad.

Local people who lined the streets sacrificed sheep and showered flowers and sweets on the marchers. They also voiced their support for the Muslim combatants of Iran.

President 'Ali Khamene'i, Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi, Imam Khomeyni's representative to the Supreme Defence Council (SDC) General Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, and other Army commanders were also present at the event.

Speaking to the gathering, head of the Islamic Revolution's Committees Hojjat ol-Eslam Serajjeddin Musavi said that Iranian committeement are fully prepared to fight the Ba'thist Iraqi regime who he said is passing the last days of its life.

Other speaker, Interior Minister Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali-Akbar Mohtashemi said in his address to the gathering that the Iraqi regime does not respect international conventions and that Iranian forces have no alternative but to continue their defensive war until the Baghdad government is toppled.

It is not Saddam Husayn who can make any decision in the war he imposed on the Islamic Republic but rather the superpowers which are supplying Baghdad with deadly weapons and which make decisions on behalf of the Iraqi ruler, he said.

The interior minister said that Saddam Husayn's Ba'thist regime will shortly be toppled and that as a result, the Iraqi Muslim people will enjoy the right of self determination.

Khomeyni Congratulates Armed Forces, 'Warriors'

LD191200 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0825 GMT 19 Jan 87

[Unannounced message by Imam Khomeyni; date of issue not specified — read by announcer]

[Text] I congratulate the commanders of the entire Armed Forces, the eminent troops, and the mighty forces on this great victory. In the name of the Iranian nation, I express my gratitude to the valiant warriors of the Army and the Guards Corps, as well as the Armed Forces. May God assist them all. I beseech God Almighty for the the success and greatness of Islam and Muslims, particularly the Islamic Armed Forces.

[Signed] His Eminence Imam Khomeyni

Meets Families of POW's, Martyrs

LD201124 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Jan 87

[Text] This morning, the families of martyrs, the POW's, the missing warriors, and janbazan [the disabled and others who are prepared to sacrifice themselves] from the town of Zanjan, accompanied by several officials of this town, and also a group of families of martyrs, the POW's, the missing warriors, and janbazan from Tehran, met with Imam Khomeyni in Hoseyniyeh-e Jamaran. During this meeting, Hojjat ol-Eslam Karrubi, the imam's representative on the Martyr's Foundation and the deputy speaker of the Islamic Majlis, in a speech, while thanking the mighty combatants of Islam on the battlefronts, offerred congratulations to the commander in chief of the Armed Forces, the imam of the nation, on epic makings of the Karbala-5 and Karbala-6 operations and victories gained by the warriors of Islam.

Referring to crimes of the Iraqi Zionist regime, which is going through the last moments of its filthy rule, its bombing of residential areas, and martyrdom of women, children, and innocent people, Mr Karrubi announced: The 'Aflaqi Saddam should realize that the more he commits crimes, the firmer the resolve of the martyr-nurturing nation of Iran and particularly of the families of the martyrs, the POW's, the missing fighters, and the janbazan will become and the more determined they will become to send their sons to the front to continue the battle.

Afterwards, Mr Karrubi conveyed the gratitude and praise of the imam of the nation to the audience and at the conclusion of this meeting, the imam of the nation responded to the sentiments expressed by them.

Velayati Urges ICO Chief To Condemn Iraq

LD191841 Tehran IRNA in English 1725 GMT 19 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 19, IRNA — Iran's Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati sent a message to the Islamic Conference Organization (OIC) Secretary General Shariffuddin Pirzada, Monday urging him to respond appropriately to Iraqi bombardment of Iranian residential areas. It also called on the OIC head to condemn Iraq's spiraling atrocities.

The message emphasised because international forums, especially the OIC, have not to date expressly denounced Iraq for its war crimes, then the Baghdad regime feels no remorse nor need to cease its wanton brutality against Iranian civilians. [sentence as received]

In the Iraqi bombardment of the holy city of Qom on Jan 14 alone, some 30 innocent civilians including 19 women, eight children, and three men were martyred and hundreds of others wounded, the message said.

The OIC has a duty to censure the Baghdad government which move might serve to dissuade Iraq from perpetrating future atrocities, the message said.

Message Sent to UNESCO on Iraqi 'Savagery'

LD192158 Tehran IRNA in English 1655 GMT 19 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 19 IRNA — Iran's Minister of Culture and Higher Education, who doubles as head of UNESCO's national commission in Iran, Mohammad Farhadi, sent a message to UNESCO's Director-General Amadou Mahtar M'Bow Monday, following Iraq's bombardment of Iranian scientific and cultural centers.

The message stressed that such savagery cannot be politically nor militarily justified. It called on the UNESCO director-general to give hope to those involved with educational, scientific, and cultural issues, by condemning such lawlessness. "UNESCO should make known its official policy on the issue".

Farhadi noted in his message that the Baghdad government fired a missile which hit a school in Borujerd, Lorestan Province, on Jan 10, 1987, in which 80 innocent Iranian pupils were martyred. Unfortunately, he added, international organizations, cultural and educational societies of the world have remained silent over the issue.

The message emphasised that Iraqi rulers have demonstrated that they hold international regulations in utter contempt.

Farhadi sent a similar message to Amadou Mahtar M'Bow on Iraqi raids against Iran's historical and Islamic sites Sunday.

UN Council Needs 'Decisive' Stand on Iraq

LD191916 Tehran IRNA in English 1859 GMT 19 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 19, IRNA — The Islamic Republic is ready to consider any plan to end attacks on civilian areas, but will have no alternative but to retaliate [for] Iraqi air raids on Iranian residential areas unless international bodies take effective measures to force Iraqi to cease its criminal acts, said Iran's permanent mission to the UN in a message to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cueller Monday.

Iran's UN mission said the concern of the UN Security Council over the spread of the Iraqi-imposed war in the wake of escalating Iraqi attacks on Iranian civilian areas will have no practical result, because the Iraqi regime has ignored a similar statement released by the Security Council on December 22, 1986 and to this day continues its atrocities against Iran.

The refusal of the UN Security Council to identify Iraq in name as the country responsible for continuing these crimes against civilians is unjustifiable in light of the fact it has been informed of the Iraqi air and missile raids on Iranian residential areas by the UN secretary general, the message said.

The message added that it is not right for the UN Security Council to have ignored the 6 January statement of the UN secretary general in which he had warned against the renewed Iraqi use of chemical weapons and condemned any use of these banned weapons.

In the opinion of the Islamic Republic the irresponsible attitude of the UN Security Council in the face of Iraqi aggression is inspired by purely political conservatism.

The UN Security Council in accordance with its duties should adopt a decisive stand against the large-scale Iraqi aggression against the Islamic Republic on 22 September 1980, it said.

Elsewhere in the message, the Iranian UN mission noted that the Security Council by adopting a decisive measure against the Iraqi aggression would take the first step towards finding an honorable solution to the imposed war.

The message also reiterated Iran looks forward to cooperating with the UN secretary general in order to check the Iraqi-imposed war from spilling over to the region and restore security to the region.

Iraqi Group Spokesman Threatens Kuwait Over ICO

LD221057 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] UP reports — An unidentified person, introducing himself to be a spokesman of the Iraqi Rafidayn [means Mesopotamia] Islamic Movement, a wing of the Iraqi Hezbollah, telephoned a Western news agency office in Beirut yesterday and threatened: If Kuwait were to go ahead with holding the Islamic summit on 26 January, all Kuwait's interests in every corner of the world would be subjected to military attacks.

It is necessary to point out that four other groups have previously made similar threats against Kuwait.

Venue of ICO Ensures Summit's Lack of Value

LD221151 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1101 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Station commentary entitled: "Fire in Kuwait's Oil Installations"]

[Excerpts] An official of the Kuwait Government has said that 2 nights ago there were three fires in an industrial area. He described the place of those fires as 10kms north of Ahmady port which is situated south of the city of Kuwait and he added that the fires had been brought under control. Also, in an extraordinary session which had been arranged to discuss these fires, Kuwait's cabinet tried to portray them as non-deliberate acts. A spokesman of Kuwait's Government has said that the fires were not due to sabotage. These fires happened at a time when an unidentified person who described himself as a representative of the Committee for Defense of Arab Prisoners in Kuwait, in a contact with a foreign news agency in Beirut, said that if the Kuwait Government would not free a number of prisoners who are detained allegedly for terrorist activities then that organization would blow up the venue of the Islamic summit conference. He said: Our first reaction would be an explosion in Kuwait before the start of the conference.

In such conditions it seems that Kuwait's attempts to portray the recent fires as being unimportant are part of the Kuwaiti propaganda about the security of the venue of the Islamic summit conference. In the same connection, since the end of Aban [month of Aban ended on 21 November 1986] Kuwait has refused to issue visas for visits to Kuwait except for commercial or humanitarian purposes and has announced that it will prevent the arrival of any aircraft to Kuwait from Beirut from 29 Day to 10th Bahman [19 January-30 January 1987]. In addition to that, other passenger aircraft which arrive in Kuwait will land in an airport other than that in the city of Kuwait.

Nevertheless, the fire which broke out 2 nights ago in Kuwait's oil installations and, spontaneously with that, the threats of four secret organizations saying that the participants in the Islamic summit conference will be in danger, have reinforced the view that the Islamic conference may either not be convened due to lack of security or, if it is convened, it will lack sufficient status [rasmiyyat].

Another issue which has been raised about the convening of the Islamic summit conference in Kuwait, is that country's proximity to the battle areas of the Iraqi war against Iran. At the moment, the Al-Faw peninsula and some areas in the east of Basra have been liberated and the scenes of clashes are no more than 20 kms from Kuwait's borders. [passage omitted]

However, it seems that despite the fact that recent developments in the region have given rise to greater doubts among the leaders of the Islamic countries about participating in Kuwait's conference, it is quite clear that reactionary governments will do their utmost to ensure that the conference has a quorum in order to support the regimes of Baghdad and Cairo. The Egyptian Government which was expelled from The ICO after signing the Camp David accord, was reinstated 3 years ago thanks to the attempts of the reactionaries and, at the moment, 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid, Egypt's foreign minister, headed the first delegation which arrived in Kuwait.

The attempts of the reactionaries to ensure a quorum for the fifth session of the Islamic summit conference, as well as regional conditions, have already made it clear that the decisions of that session, even if it is convened, will have no value.

Further on Combat Operations, Karbala -5, -6

8 Iraqi Counterattacks Defeated

LD211600 Tehran IRNA in English 1552 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala'-5 Operational Region, Jan 21, IRNA — Iranian Muslim combatants strongly beat back eight Iraqi counter-offensives in this region Tuesday. They also thwarted enemy's attempts to infiltrate their positions. Heavy casualties and losses were inflicted on the enemy troops and a number of them were captured, including several senior officers.

Iran has said the purpose of the on-going Karbala'-5 operations is to destroy the Iraqi war machine.

Iraqis Use Chemical Arms on Own Troops

LD211604 Tehran IRNA in English 1542 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 21, IRNA — Iraqi Army mistakenly dropped chemical shells on positions of its own troops in the Karbala'-5 operational region Tuesday. According to an Iraqi POW, defence lines of Brigade 18 and Infantry Brigade 704 were targeted by chemical shells during which a large group of Iraqi troops were killed or wounded.

Communique 19 Issued

LD211733 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Jan 87

[19th Communique of the Khatem ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the joint operational center of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran issued on 21 January]

[Text] In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful: There is neither strength nor might except through Allah, the high, the Almighty!

O Muslim nation and O self-sacrificing and revolutionary people! Your sons, O heroic people, are continuing their relentless battle and bringing about the gift of victory and triumph. The monotheistic troops — made up of the popular forces beginning with 10th Seyyed ol-Shohada Division, the 9th Badr Brigade, the Ansar ol-Hoseyn Division, the 133d al-Mahdi Brigade, and Sarallah Division — continuing their epics aimed at destroying the enemy's military machine, have scored spectacular victories during a heavy battle with the Ba'thist forces. The Islamic Forces, protected by artillery fire from the Islamic Republic of Iran Army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp [IRGC], after repulsing eight enemy counter attacks in the Karbala'-5 operational sector, killed another 1,500 Iraqi mercenaries and captured another number, 30 of whom so far have been moved behind the front. Thereby, the number of Iraqi POW's evacuated behind the fronts since the outset of the Karbala'-5 offensive has reached 2,235.

During the heavy battles waged by Islam's forces, they destroyed the 93d, 417th, and 44th Infantry Brigades and 50th Armored Brigade of the 12th Division, the 36th Infantry Brigade of the 4th Division, and the 47th Infantry Brigade of the 11th Division by 20 to 90 percent. Also the Islamic forces mopped up the Al-Du'ayji military township and, thanks to cooperation and support from the combat engineering forces of the reconstruction jihad and the IRGC, are engaged in consolidating their positions in that area.

During the operations launched by Islam's combatants, Iraqi military aircraft several times mistakenly raided the headquarters of their own 18th and 704th Infantry Brigades with chemical weapons. As a result, a number of Iraqi troops were injured.

Similarly, during Iraqi air raids on the Karbala'-5 sector, another four aggressor aircraft were downed today. The number of enemy aircraft shot down since the beginning of the Karbala'-5 offensive has reached 53.

Also, in the Karbala'-6 operational sector, two enemy aircraft were shot down, bringing the number of the Iraqi regime's aircraft shot down in the Sumar operational area to six.

Iraqi Petrochemical Plant Shelled
LD211828 Tehran IRNA in English 1812 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala'-5 Operational Theater, Jan 21, IRNA — Muslim forces of Iran stationed near Iraqi petrochemical plant near Basra have been forced to don protective clothing and gas masks because of toxic gas leaks from exploded gas storage tanks at the plant.

A number of Iranian combatants were poisoned by the noxious gases and have received treatment although Iraqi troops seem to have sustained heavy losses as a result of leak due to their proximity with the petrochemical installations.

Iranian forces continued to shell the petrochemical plant Wednesday.

Iraqi Raids Cited; USSR 'Accomplice'
LD211844 Tehran IRNA in English 1831 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan. 21, IRNA — Iraqi warplanes again bombed residential areas of six Iranian cities including the holy city of Qom Wednesday martyring and wounding scores of civilians and destroying many houses.

The holy city of Qom was bombarded by Iraqi jet fighters at 16:35 hours (13:05 GMT) Wednesday as a result of which scores of civilians were martyred and wounded. There is yet no report on the exact casualty toll.

Local people in the holy city who rushed to the bombed site shortly after the raid all shouted that they consider the Soviet Union an accomplice in Iraqi crimes. Because, they cried out, it is the Soviet Union which supplies warplanes and other military equipment to Iraqi to bombard residential areas in Iran.

Thirty civilians were martyred and 30 others wounded in the enemy air attack on the city of Pol-e Dokhtar in Lorestan Province Wednesday.

Nahavand in Hamadan Province was bombed by Iraqi warplanes at 15:40 hours (12:10 GMT) Wednesday. There is yet no report on the casualty toll.

A group of Iraqi fighter bombers attacked the city of Ilam three times Wednesday martyring 22 civilians and wounding 20 others. Ilam had been subjected to Iraqi missile and air raids over the past few days. A yet-unknown number of civilians were also martyred and wounded in the Iraqi bombing of residential areas of Bakhtaran and Dezful Wednesday.

Casualties in Qom Raid Reach 100
LD220606 Tehran IRNA in English 0603 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] Qom, Jan 22, IRNA — Martyrs toll of the Wednesday afternoon Iraqi bombardment of this holy city rose to one hundred. Scores of civilians were also injured in the latest Iraqi attack on residential quarters of the city who were taken to hospitals.

People of the city immediately rushed to help the victims and pull out possible survivors from debris. They chanted 'Death to America', 'Death to Saddam' and 'War, war till victory'. They also called on Iranian officials to crush the enemy and bring the Iraqi imposed war to an end.

WIH Head on Iraqi 'Casualties'
LD220930 Tehran IRNA in English 0803 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Jan 22, IRNA — Out of the 100 Iraqi brigades in Karbala'-5 operational region, 25 have been smashed, said the head of the War Information Headquarters (WIH), Kamal Kharrazi, here Thursday.

Speaking in a press conference with foreign and domestic reporters, Kharrazi said that casualties and losses of the enemy in the ongoing Karbala'-5 operations, launched Jan 9 were far more than the Val-Fajr-8 operations which resulted in liberation of the Iraqi port city of Al-Faw.

The objective of the operations, he told reporters, was to crush the war machine of the enemy. Once this is materialised, the WIH head said, not only Basra but Baghdad too will be an easy target.

2 More Iraqi Planes Downed
LD221002 Tehran IRNA in English 1000 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala'-5 Operational Region, Jan 22, IRNA — Two more Iraqi war planes which intended to bomb positions of Muslim combatants of Iran were downed in the Karbala'-5 operational region, Thursday. This brings to 55 the number of Iraqi war planes downed since the launching of the operations.

Planes Bomb Miqdadiyah in Iraq
LD221122 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] According to the report of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in retaliation for the attacks of the aggressive Iraqi regime on the residential areas of our country, the pilots of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran at noon bombed the military and industrial installations of the town of Miqdadiyah in Iraq and safely returned to their bases.

Iraqis Bomb Various Districts

LD221214 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] According to an IRNA report, as the result of yesterday's barbaric attack of planes of the Iraqi Zionist regime [on Qom] about 100 pilgrims of the holy Ma'sumah, peace be upon her, and civilian people of this city were martyred and a number of them were wounded.

The Central News Unit reported: Today, the intruding planes of the Iraqi Zionist regime bombed residential districts of Borujerd, Dorud, Khorramabad, Malayer, and Zanjan, martyring or wounding a group of our compatriots. On the basis of this report, during these acts of aggression, one plane of the Zionist enemy was downed by the air defense unit of the region and its pilot was killed.

Enemy Concentrations Bombed

LD221406 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] According to reports received from the Karbala'-5 offensive zone, the brave pilots of the Air Force and Army aviation force today bombed the concentrations of the Zionist enemy in the Karbala'-5 zone and inflicted heavy blows upon them.

2 Iraqi Counterattacks 'Crushed'

LD221434 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] Last night and this morning, the mighty combatants of Islam heavily crushed two counteroffensives by the Zionist enemy. According to a report received from the Karbala'-5 operational zone, the forces of Islam bravely repulsed two last-ditch enemy counteroffensives which were launched last night and this morning in order to recapture the liberated areas. The Iraqi forces suffered further heavy blows.

According to an IRNA report, while repulsing the enemy counteroffensives, the combatants of Islam continued consolidating their positions and are not giving the enemy any chance of making serious operational decisions. The same report indicates that the enemy rear lines are also under intense artillery fire from the Corps of Islam. The Ba'thist Army's attempts to regroup and reinforce its destroyed brigades have been curtailed to a bare minimum.

2 Planes Downed in Karbala'-6 Area

LD211533 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1522 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention: Heroic and brave Iranian nation! According to reports received from the Sumar operational zone, this afternoon intruding Iraqi aircraft tried to bomb the concentrations and positions of the forces of Islam, but they met with the heavy antiaircraft fire of the fighters of Islam and two more aircraft of the Iraqi regime were downed. Thus, the number of enemy aircraft downed in the Sumar front is now six, one of which was a Tupolev bomber.

Al-Bakr Oil Platform Shelled

LD221051 Tehran IRNA in English 1023 GMT 22 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 22, IRNA — The Al-Bakr oil platform was under heavy fire of coastal artillery units of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Wednesday night and Thursday. The smoke caused by burning Iraqi equipment and exploding enemy munitions depots, was seen billowing into the sky Thursday morning. A number of Iraqi troops stationed on the platform were killed in the attack.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi gun boat which intended to approach positions of Muslim forces of Iran through Khawr 'Abdallah Waters, was set ablaze by the IRGC naval unit fire and its crew were killed.

Khawr 'Abdallah operational region is under the full control of Muslim combatants of Iran who are checking all enemy movements.

Communique No 2,723 Reports War Situation

LD211606 Tehran IRNA in English 1558 GMT 21 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 21, IRNA — Economic and military centers in Iraqi cities of Irbil and Tuz Khurmatu were heavily bombed by fighter bombers of the Islamic Republic Air Force at 04:18 and 08:15 GMT Wednesday, said a military communique here.

Communique Number 2,723 released by the Joint Staff Command of Iran's Armed Forces said that the fighters returned safely to bases after inflicting substantial casualties and losses on Iraqi troops.

Two more Iraqi jet fighters were shot down by anti-aircraft fire of Iranian Muslim combatants in the Karbala'-6 operational theater Wednesday, it said.

The Joint Staff communique said that Iranian surface-to-air fire had earlier shot down an Iraqi Tupolev jet fighter in a western front and another enemy warplane in the southern fronts Tuesday.

Iran's Navy gun boats intercepted and inspected 10 cargo ships in the Strait of Hormuz Tuesday but allowed the ships to continue voyage after being satisfied that they were not carrying any war-related goods for Iraq.

Iranian long range artillery fire continued hitting Iraqi economic and military centers along its eastern border with Iran on Tuesday inflicting heavy casualties and damage on enemy forces.

Exchange of artillery fire continued throughout the fronts Tuesday raging somewhat more heavily in the Karbala'-5 and

Karbala'-6 operational theaters as a result of which Iraqi troops suffered considerable casualties and losses.

A number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and 10 gun emplacements of theirs destroyed in parts of the southern and western fronts Tuesday as they were shelled by Iranian Gendarmerie forces.

Iraqi long range artillery fire hit the northwestern Iranian cities of Baneh and Marivan Tuesday destroying several houses, the communique concluded.